

**City of Visalia
National Small Business Week
May 23 – 29, 2010**



Pictured: Gil Jaramillo, SBDC
Director, and Mike Lane, Visalia
City Councilmember

The Visalia City Council recently recognized National Small Business Week. The Proclamation was presented by City Council Member Mike Lane to the Visalia/Tulare Small Business Development Center. The proclamation reads as follows:

WHEREAS, every year since 1963, the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week to recognize the contributions of small businesses to the economic well-being of America; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 National Small Business Week will honor the estimated 27.2 million small businesses in America; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are major contributors to the strength of the American economy. More than half of Americans either own or work for small business; and

WHEREAS, since 1992, the Central California Small Business Development Center has been assisting the business community in Tulare, Kings, Fresno and Madera counties; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Center has provided free one on one counseling for 140 individuals totaling 461 hours and has helped launch 10 new businesses which created 36 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Center provides continuous free consulting and mentoring services to the small business community.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Visalia, does hereby proclaim the week of May 23-29 as National Small Business Week in the City of Visalia and commend the local Small Business Development Center-Tulare Kings for their contribution in the success of mentoring small businesses in our community.

SIGNED, Bob Link Mayor and City Council Members.